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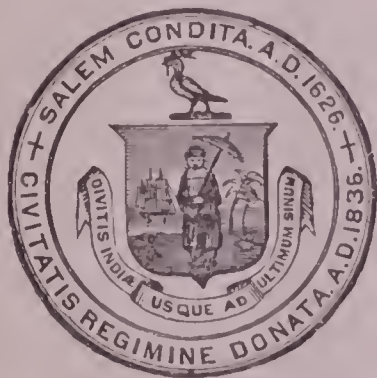
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SALEM, Dec. 22, 1885.

TO THE CITY COUNCIL :—

The Committee on shade trees present the following as their first annual report: "An ordinance in relation to shade trees" was adopted by the city council early in the present municipal year, which gave to the board of aldermen the general care and oversight of all shade trees in the public squares and streets of the city, and authorized the appointment of a committee by the mayor, under whose supervision the provisions of the order should be carried out.

Your committee, on their appointment, proceeded at once to ascertain the condition of the shade trees of the city. Of course with trees exposed as they must be in a public thoroughfare, there is always danger of injury; and the committee found many which had suffered from the gnawing of horses and in various other ways. Some were so decayed as to be dangerous, and some entirely dead. They found a large number in such condition that they could only be saved by prompt care and attention, and so far as they were able, they caused proper remedies to be applied and thus saved the lives of the trees for many years to come.

The limited appropriation at their disposal compelled them to leave, unattended to, many trees which should have had immediate attention, and the committee recommend that the next city government make an appropriation suf-

ficiently liberal to enable those who may be appointed for that duty, to do all that is necessary for the preservation of the trees we have, for the benefit of us, of the present generation, and for the planting of new trees for generations to come.

The city is fortunate in having so many fine shade trees; Lafayette, Chestnut and Federal streets are especially beautified by them. Your committee have set out (180) one hundred and eighty young trees, mostly maples. On Federal street, between North and Beckford streets, there was quite a space where the trees had died or been removed, and seventeen thrifty young maples were planted there and properly protected.

Early in the present year, S. Endicott Peabody, Esq., offered to provide the city with seventy-five trees if the committee would cause them to be set out on the lately constructed Appleton street. The offer was gladly accepted and the committee caused the trees to be set out as suggested in the offer. This street needs about (75) seventy-five more trees, which should be set out next year; and which, with those already planted, make this street in time one of the finest avenues in the city.

In the work of planting, only those of long experience have been employed so that the work might be done in the most thorough manner possible. The pits, in all cases, have been made large enough to contain a sufficient quantity of loam to provide nourishment for the young trees at the time of their greatest need.

A large number of requests have been received by the committee, from citizens desiring to have trees planted in front of their estates. These requests, as far as possible, have been complied with: and a list of such applications, as could not be attended to, has been preserved for the use of future committees.

The committee, in planting trees, gave the preference to

those who had applied for them ; believing that the interest shown in the request would continue after the trees were planted and cause them to be properly cared for.

The committee found no record of the number of shade trees in the city, and are not aware that any count of them was ever made. Believing this knowledge to be important in discharging and properly understanding their duties, they caused such a count to be made, and found there were some thirty-eight hundred trees in the streets and public squares. Appended to this report is a schedule of the number of trees with their location. The number contains a very few dead and decaying trees which may have to be removed. The expense of removing a tree, especially a large one, is considerable. The tree must be cut down, the roots dug up, the hole thus made filled with gravel and the debris carted away, causing an outlay of from ten to fifteen dollars.

Your committee, in closing their report, would recommend a liberal appropriation for carrying on the work the coming year. The work is important and has already been too long delayed. To-day many handsome trees are suffering for want of a care, which, if promptly given, would preserve their beauty for many years.

A beautiful tree is an object of admiration to all. It attains its growth slowly and cannot be replaced in a day, nor hardly, in a generation. It is the part of wisdom therefore to preserve carefully those we have, while providing, at the same time, for generations to follow.

The comparatively small sum required for the work would be amply returned to our citizens in the increased beauty of our public thoroughfares. Appended is a detailed statement of the expenditures by your committee for 1885.

J. H. BATCHELDER,

Chairman.

EXPENDITURES.

H. Sleeper's bills, trees and labor,	\$401 53
“ “ “ trimming trees,	167 29
“ “ “ trimming and protecting trees,	53 40
Fifield & Page, tree protectors,	4 83
G. P. Woodbury & Co., making tree guards,	22 50
H. Hale & Co., wire netting, etc.,	5 45
Theodore Brown, making tree guards,	47 50
Dan'l Henderson, painting “ “	8 54
Geo. D. Glover, trees,	3 00

Total expenditures, \$714 04

NUMBER OF SHADE TREES AND LOCATION.

Andover street,	2	Burnside street	2
Aborn “	1	Brown “	12
Albion “	26	Briggs “	23
Appleton “	86	Broad “	64
Arabella “	21	Cherry “	10
Atlantic avenue	6	Cedar “	20
Andrew street	29	Cabot “	19
Beckford “	5	Cypress “	9
Broad “	74	Clifton avenue	39
Boston “	131	Carpenter street	1
Beaver “	2	Cambridge “	2
Beach “	9	Chestnut “	73
Barr “	45	Church “	3
Buffum “	70	Conant “	1
Bridge “	72	Cross “	12
Barton “	6	Central “	2

Collins street	5	Herbert street	1
Carlton “	4	Howard street cemet'ry	50
Charter “	35	Hancock “	15
Downing “	9	Irving “	35
Dearborn “	108	Japonica “	3
Derby “	7	Lyme “	6
Eden “	18	Linden “	39
Everett “	5	Laurel “	19
E. Gardner “	6	Loring avenue	38
Endicott “	11	Lafayette street	185
Essex “	134	Lafayette court	1
Emmerton “	9	Lagrange street	14
Federal “	141	Lynde “	3
Federal court	2	Laboratory “	1
Flint street	1	Lathrop “	8
Friend “	3	Lemon “	3
Fort avenue	108	Leach “	41
Forrester street	26	Liberty “	2
Gardner “	25	Meadow “	3
Green “	8	Messervey “	3
Grafton “	2	May “	1
Grove “	58	Mt. Vernon “	12
Greenlawn cemetery	77	Margin “	16
Holly street	37	Mill “	1
Hazel “	11	Myrtle “	7
Harbor “	44	Mason “	39
Hathorne “	33	Mall “	2
High “	5	March “	19
Hanson street	2	Naumkeag “	1
Harrod “	15	Norman “	5
Highland avenue	35	Nichols “	1
Harmony street	3	North “	152
Howard “	3	Nursery “	21

Northey street	7	South Prospect street	6
Ocean avenue	27	Summer street	73
Ord street	1	St. Peter “	7
Oak “	2	Silver “	4
Orne “	38	Summit “	1
Orchard “	9	Sylvan “	3
Osgood “	10	School “	19
Osborne “	8	Sargent “	132
Pond “	7	Southwick “	5
Porter “	4	Skerry “	2
Peabody “	5	Saunders “	6
Prince “	4	Tremont “	25
Perkins “	2	Thorndike “	19
Pingree “	5	Turner “	2
Phelps “	2	Upham “	23
Prescott “	10	Varney “	2
Prospect “	16	Washington street	38
Phillips “	26	West avenue	1
Pleasant “	20	Willow “	4
Pearl “	13	Ward street	4
Pickman “	9	Warren “	35
Ropes “	6	Winthrop “	26
Roslyn “	29	Walter “	31
River “	2	Webb “	11
Rawlins “	6	Webster “	10
Road to almshouse	44	Winter “	40
Salem street	12	Washington square	223
Summit avenue	63	Willows	51

Total number of trees,

3,804

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